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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

#### U.S. Patent Documents

Meller et al.	4,696,308	(09/29/87)
Kaster et al.	5,234,447	(08/10/93)
Miller et al.	5,250,058	(10/05/93)
LeMole	5,893,369	(04/13/99)
Goldsteen et al.	5,976,178	(11/02/99)

These references are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), and copies of them are enclosed.

The documents listed in this Statement were cited by a foreign patent office in applications of another from which claims were recently copied into this application (see the "Notification Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b) Identifying Published Patent Applications From Which Claims Have Been Copied filed concurrently with this application).

The following identifies each application from which claims have been copied into this application. For each application from which claims have been copied, the following further identifies the references in the International Search Report (if published and therefore available to the under-signed attorney) for that application that are associated with the claims that have been copied. Copies of the available International Search Reports are also enclosed herewith.

WO 01/70118

Applicants submitted this search report and the references contained therein with the IDS filed 04/11/02.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account

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